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Marietta Schools Foundation Initiative Will Leave a Lasting Legacy in Our Community



The Marietta Schools Foundation (MSF) recently launched a fundraising initiative that will leave a lasting legacy in our community.

Benefactors who make a tax-deductible contribution of \$500 to the MSF will receive recognition as education supporters. In recognition of the contribution, Marietta High School students will plant a hardwood tree and erect a polished granite plaque in honor of the contributor, a favorite relative or other individual.

"Planting a tree in Marietta is like leaving an environmental legacy," said MSF member Rodney Petty. "Businesses that participate in the initiative will enjoy a variety of benefits, such as increased good will, positive public relations and solid advertising."

To learn more about the MSF fundraising initiative, please contact Neil Barfield at (770) 427-1012. 

Keep Your Air Healthy This Winter by Using Your Humidifier Safely

Humidifiers can help relieve many of the physical discomforts we associate with winter, such as dry skin, lips, noses, and throats. The moisture that humidifiers add to dry air also helps reduce static electricity, paint cracking, peeling wallpaper, and other common nuisances brought on by winter heating.

But remember, excess moisture can encourage the growth of biological organisms, such as molds and dust mites in your home. These and other microor-

ganisms often grow in humidifiers with tanks that contain standing water. Such pollutants can trigger allergies or lung infections when dispersed into the air by humidifiers and inhaled by people nearby.

Proper care and cleaning of humidifiers represents the best defense against such pollutants. The following precautions can reduce the potential for exposure to microorganisms:

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- » **Replace Water Daily** — Pour out all leftover water, wipe all surfaces dry and refill the tank with fresh water according to manufacturer's instructions. (Remember to unplug the humidifier first!)
- » **Clean Portable Humidifiers Every Three Days** — Unplug the unit, empty the tank completely, and use a brush or scrubber to remove any film, deposits, or scale that has formed inside or outside of the tank. Wipe all surfaces dry before refilling the humidifier.
- » **Follow Instructions** — Always follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding the use, maintenance and replacement of any materials supplied with the humidifier. Only use appropriate materials as recommended by the product manufacturer.
- » **Avoid Over Saturation** — Keep indoor relative humidity levels under 50 percent. Higher humidity levels may encourage the growth of biological organisms in the home. If water condenses on windows, walls or pictures, relocate the humidifier, lower its setting or use it less.
- » **Keep Nearby Areas Dry** — Try to prevent the area around the humidifier from becoming damp or wet. If carpeting, drapes, or tablecloths start to feel damp, turn down the humidifier's output volume or use the humidifier intermittently.
- » **Pull the Plug if Necessary** — Stop using your humidifier immediately and contact your physician if you have respiratory symptoms that may be associated with the use of your home humidifier. ⚡

Calendar of Events

Now through December 17

Candlelight Shopping
Marietta Square Shops
Fridays until 8 p.m.
Luminaries guide you through the charming shops of Marietta
Visit www.mariettaga.biz for participating merchants

December 16 through 18

Nativity
Marietta Square
The beautiful Fontanini Nativity scene is displayed on the stage in Glover Park for three days
Free
Sponsored by the Citizens for Christian Christmas, www.new-providencebc.com/nativity

January 30, 2005

Cobb Symphony Orchestra
It Began With Bach
Kell High School
Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.
Call (770) 528-8490 for information

March 19 through 20, 2005

The Georgia Ballet
Coppelia
Cobb Civic Center
Anderson Theatre
Tickets can be purchased by calling (770) 425-0258 or visiting www.georgiaballet.org

April 2, 2005

Cobb Symphony Orchestra
Esther Begins With the Emperor
8 p.m.
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
Johnson Ferry Road
Call (770) 528-8490 for information

April 30, 2005 • 8 p.m.

May 1, 2005 • 3 p.m.

Cobb Symphony Orchestra
A Jazzy End to a New Beginning
Southern Polytechnic State University
Student Center Theater
Call (770) 528-8490 for information